

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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Introduced by: **Battles, Leonard, Cheatham,  
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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Vincennes Lodge No. 1 Free and Accepted Masons.

*Whereas, on March 13, 2009, Vincennes Lodge No. 1 Free  
and Accepted Masons of Vincennes, Indiana will mark its 200<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary; and*

*Whereas, Vincennes Lodge No. 1 is the oldest Masonic  
Lodge within the boundaries of the present state of Indiana;  
and*

*Whereas, the Vincennes Lodge was set to work as  
Vincennes Lodge No. 15 by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and  
remained so until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana  
in 1818, when it became Vincennes Lodge No. 1; and*

*Whereas, the founders of Vincennes Lodge were: General  
Washington Johnston - lawyer, legislator, officer at the Battle*



*of Tippecanoe, treasurer of the Indiana Territory; William Jones - merchant and the first Worshipful Master of Vincennes Lodge; George Wallace - merchant and territorial judge; John Caldwell - merchant; Henry VanderBurgh - officer in the Revolutionary War, lawyer, territorial judge and namesake of Vanderburg County; Charles Fisher - first secretary and veteran of the Battle of Tippecanoe; Jonathon Taylor - Past Master from Abraham Lodge No. 8; and John Gibson - namesake of Gibson County, officer in the Revolutionary War and secretary of the Indiana Territory; and*

*Whereas, the Mother Lodge of Vincennes Lodge No. 1 is, and will always be, Abraham Lodge No. 8 of Louisville, Kentucky; therefore,*

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That in recognition of the pioneer spirit of the men who founded Vincennes Lodge and those esteemed men who succeeded them during the next 200 years, the Indiana General Assembly commemorates March 13, 2009 as the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vincennes Lodge No. 1 Free and Accepted Masons of Vincennes, Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to Vincennes Lodge No. 1 Free and Accepted Masons of Vincennes, Indiana.

